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A.—(*a*) A statement[a] is furnished.

(*b*) The actual expenditure incurred by the special staff attached to land mortgage banks ever since their entertainment up to 30th June 1931 amounts to Rs. 69,600.

(*c*) Thirty-nine. A statement[a] is furnished. Rs. 13,88,140.

(*d*) No.

Establishment of additional land mortgage banks and rural credit societies.

* 292 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration the question of establishing more land mortgage banks and rural credit societies, and granting long-term loans to the agriculturists?

A.—Additional land mortgage banks will be started as and when the Central Land Mortgage Bank which finances the primary banks is able to obtain adequate funds by the issue of debentures.

Staff employed in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

* 293 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the staff employed in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and state how many of them are from Andhra Desa?

A.—The information[b] required by the hon. Member is placed on the table.

There are no clerks from the Telugu districts working in the Registrar's office.

Public Works

Creation of a special subdivision for the water-supply scheme of Tuticorin.

* 294 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a special subdivision of engineering officers has been created exclusively for carrying out the works of the Tuticorin water scheme and if so, from what date and with what strength of staff;

(*b*) what is the strength of the staff of the Tuticorin water-works subdivision (i.e., apart from the supervision work of the Superintending Engineer and the Madura Special Division Executive Engineer) since January 1931;

(*c*) what are the monthly establishment charges (inclusive of overseas and travelling allowances and leave allowance and pensionary contribution) of this subdivision;

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[a] Printed as Appendix XIV on pages 160-161 infra.
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(*d*) when the subdivision completed the works of the distribution system;

(*e*) what length of pipe line has been laid, how many fountains constructed and what other works executed by them since February 1931 up to the end of June 1931;

(*f*) what are the works yet remaining to be executed; and

(*g*) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of reducing the staff and establishment charges of the subdivision?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 343.

Construction of an elevated reservoir for the Tuticorin water-works.

* 295 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an elevated reservoir at Tuticorin has been sanctioned for the Tuticorin water-works and if so, when and at what estimated cost;

(*b*) when tenders were called for for this work, whose tender has been accepted and when it was accepted;

(*c*) whether, and if so, when, the work was commenced by the contractors and when it is expected to be completed;

(*d*) why tenders were not called for for this work soon after it was sanctioned and the work completed already, along with the completion of the distribution system; and

(*e*) who is responsible for the failure or omission in getting this work done along with the other works?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 344.

Purchase of furniture required for Government departments.

* 296 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number, size and value of steel safes, steel almirahs and steel shelvings (record racks) the Government have purchased during each of the last three years from—

(i) Indian manufacturers,
(ii) London, and
(iii) the Continent of Europe or America;

(*b*) the names of the firms and the value of the articles purchased from each of these firms;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Government are making in their P.W.D. Workshops steel record racks;

(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of this House figures for

(i) cost of making such racks,
(ii) the life of such racks, and
(iii) the cost of repainting and renovating them during the total period of their life; and